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1. THE FOLLOWING IS SUBSTANTIVE PART OF LETTER FROM
VENEZUELAN DELEGATION IN REGARD TO QR CONSULTATIONS:
QUOTE I HAVE PLEASURE IN REFERRING TO YOUR KIND LETTER OF 24 JUNE
1975 (REFERENCE CGT/803.2) CONCERNING NEGOTIATIONS IN THE FIELD
OF QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS AND FORWARDING TO US A LETTER ON
THAT SAME SUBJECT FROM THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION, DATED
12 JUNE 1975.

THE VENEZUELAN DELEGATION HAS CAREFULLY EXAMINED THE VIEWS
EXPRESSED IN THAT LETTER WHICH WE HAVE NOT ANSWERED EARLIER BECAUSE
THE MATTER WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES
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IN OUR CAPITAL.

I SHOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY OUR COUNTRY ON EARLIER OCCASIONS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WILL HAVE TO BE GOVERNED, INTER ALIA BY THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-RECIPROCITY IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS MENTIONED IN THE TOKYO DECLARATION. ACCORDINGLY, IN THE FIELD OF QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS WE HAVE PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY

IN THE FORMULATION OF CONCRETE PROPOSALS DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE DIFFERENTIATED AND SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THOSE PROPOSALS WERE SET FORTH CLEARLY AND IN DETAIL IN THE "AGREED ACTION PROGRAMME" FOR THE LIBERALIZATION OF QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS THAT WAS PRESENTED BY THE INDIAN DELEGATION TO GROUP 3(B) IN 1974, AND TO WHICH REFERENCE IS MADE IN PARAGRAPH 18 OF THE REPORT BY GROUP 3(B) TO THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE, DATED 10 JULY 1974. IT IS CLEAR THAT THOSE PROPOSALS ARE STILL AWAITING IN-DEPTH EXAMINATION AND ADEQUATE REPLIES ON THE PART OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN THE SUB-GROUP "QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS", AND OUR DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT THIS SHOULD BE THE TASK OF THE SUB-GROUP IN ITS COMING DELIBERATIONS. AS YOU KNOW, THE AFOREMENTIONED AGREED PROGRAMME IS ORIENTED

TOWARD THE APPLICATION OF MULTILATERAL MECHANISMS LEADING TO IMMEDIATE

LIBERALIZATION OF QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS AFFECTING EXPORTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ON A PREFERENTIAL AND NON-RECIPROCAL BASIS (SEE DOCUMENT MTN/3B/18, PAGE 4, PARAGRAPH 3).

ACCORDINGLY, GIVEN OUR UNRESERVED SUPPORT OF THE AGREED ACTION PROGRAMME TO WHICH WE HAVE REFERRED, THE VENEZUELAN DELEGATION CONSIDERS THAT IT WOULD NOT BE OPPORTUNE TO HOLD BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON THIS MATTER UNTIL SUCH TIME AS MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATION PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN CLEARLY DEFINED THAT WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIAL SITUATION OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. UNQUOTE

2. US DEL RECOMMENDS RESPONSE ALONG LINE OF THAT WE SENT TO BRAZILIANS (REFTEL). PLEASE ADVISE. WALKER

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